

## House Resolution No. 136

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which play a very active, important role in improving the lives of citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society enjoys an enviable reputation for its work on behalf of individuals who struggle with that chronic, often debilitating disease for which there is no known cure; and

**Whereas**, on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, members of National Multiple Sclerosis Society leadership will journey to Jefferson City to meet with lawmakers and to engage in one of the most basic practices of a free and democratic society; and

**Whereas**, during MS Hope Day, the leadership of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will inform elected officials concerning a disease which affects more than seventy-two hundred Missourians through such symptoms as loss of balance, extreme fatigue, visual disturbances, numbness in the extremities, and even blindness, paralysis, and death in the most extreme cases; and

**Whereas**, most people are diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis between the ages of twenty and fifty, and many are young adults just embarking on their careers and just starting their families; and

**Whereas**, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society operates five offices in the cities of Cape Girardeau, Kansas City, Saint Joseph, Saint Louis, and Springfield to coordinate services for the residents of Missouri; and

**Whereas**, more than \$3 million is currently committed by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for research taking place in Missouri:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to welcome leaders with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to the state capitol and to convey to them this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their much-needed work in helping many Missouri residents live fuller, more productive lives despite illness; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in recognition of MS Hope Day in Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Tom Dempsey  
Majority Floor Leader  
District No. 18

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Representative Jeff Harris  
Minority Floor Leader  
District No. 23

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 136, adopted January 18, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker